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Flower Picking Trip Ends in Padded Cell

Eighteen-year-old Stephen Long was picking imaginary flowers along the sidewalk on Artesia Boulevard early Sunday morning when police officers tapped him on the shoulder for possession of dangerous drugs and being under the influence of a drug.

Long, who lives at 17228 Haas Ave., admitted smoking three marijuana cigarettes and taking benzedrine. His pocket contained a single capsule, police said.

Witnesses said that Long had been kissing cars and trees along Artesia Boulevard.

Investigating officers said his speech was incoherent and he kept brushing imaginary objects from the officers' clothing.

Long was placed in a padded cell at Torrance city jail.

Youngsters May Phone Santa Claus

Torrance Jaycees will give local children a chance to tell Santa what they want for Christmas — over the telephone.

Santa will be available to the children in Torrance and surrounding areas Dec. 19, through 21 between 6 and 9 a.m.

The number to call is 328-2814.



CHECK DISPLAYS . . . Lou Schlanger (left), owner of Torrance Men's Shop, and Laurence Whitethrone check the festive holiday window display of the downtown Torrance store, located at Sartori and Marcellina. The store has long been a favorite for finding "that just right" gift for him. Harry Marks is manager of the store.

David S. McElrea, 3544 Garnet St., has been appointed an installment loan officer at First Western Bank's Navy, Wilshire - Westmoreland Camino and Woodbury branches. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, McElrea attended Elmer High School in Torrance.

Pack 211-C Welcomes New Cubs

Santa will visit members of Cub Scout Pack 211-C during a Christmas party scheduled for later this month.

The Cubs staged a musical concert at the November pack meeting, playing instruments which they had made. Highlight of the concert was a rendition of "Coming Around the Mountain."

Sixteen new Bobcats have been inducted into Pack 211-C. Casey O'Cain, George O'Cain, George Titus, John Christian, Richard Luchen, and John Muro received cords as den chiefs. Dave Dobbert and Michael Lagrand received stripes and David Johnson received a one-year badge. Silver arrows were presented to Marc Stolee and Ken Hudson.

Three new Webelos dens were formed. New Cub Webelos are Bob Decker and Larry Arthwich.

Announce Writing Winners

Three area high school students will be honored Thursday by the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Winners of the ACLU Bill of Rights Day essay contest will be announced Thursday during a meeting to be held at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd. Top winners will receive U. S. Savings Bonds of \$100, \$50, and \$25. Another 17 students will receive citations and copies of a book on the Bill of Rights by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

During the meeting, the ACLU also will present its fifth annual "Courage of Convictions" award for defense of the Bill of Rights.

Judges for the essay contest include Judge Raymond Choat of the South Bay Municipal Court, newspaper columnist Paul Coates, radio commentator Elliott Mintz, and Dr. Jud Grenier of California State College, Dominguez Hills.

Cub Scouts To Offer Mistletoe

Members of Waleria Cub Pack 240-C will distribute packets of mistletoe Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. Donations will be used for future pack activities.

The cubs, with Cubmaster Bill Mitchell and parents, gathered the mistletoe at the Phillip Ranch in Saugas last Saturday at the invitation of Mrs. Gladys Phillip, owner.

Charles Cullen, ranch caretaker, assisted pack members during the field trip.

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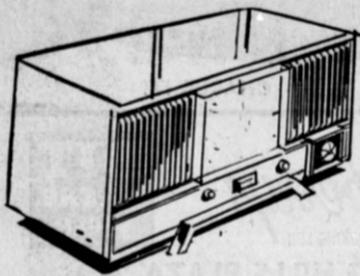
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